# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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FALL IN PRODUCTION OF CROPS DUE TO GLOBAL WARMING
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have made any estimate of the probable fall in the productivity of the crops in northern India including Punjab and Haryana as a result of Global warming; and

(b) the measures taken by the Government to apprise the State Governments and farmers of this crisis?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): There is considerable uncertainty in the magnitude of global warming. The probable effect of global warming on Indian agriculture, therefore, remains very uncertain and would depend upon the actual change in temperature and other climatic features, together with adaptation and mitigation strategies.

(b): There doe not appear any immediate crisis. Nevertheless, greater efforts to understand the probable impacts of climate change and adaptation measures are in progress. Also, several ongoing resource conservation programmes of the Ministry of Agriculture are likely to help in mitigating effects of the climate change.